

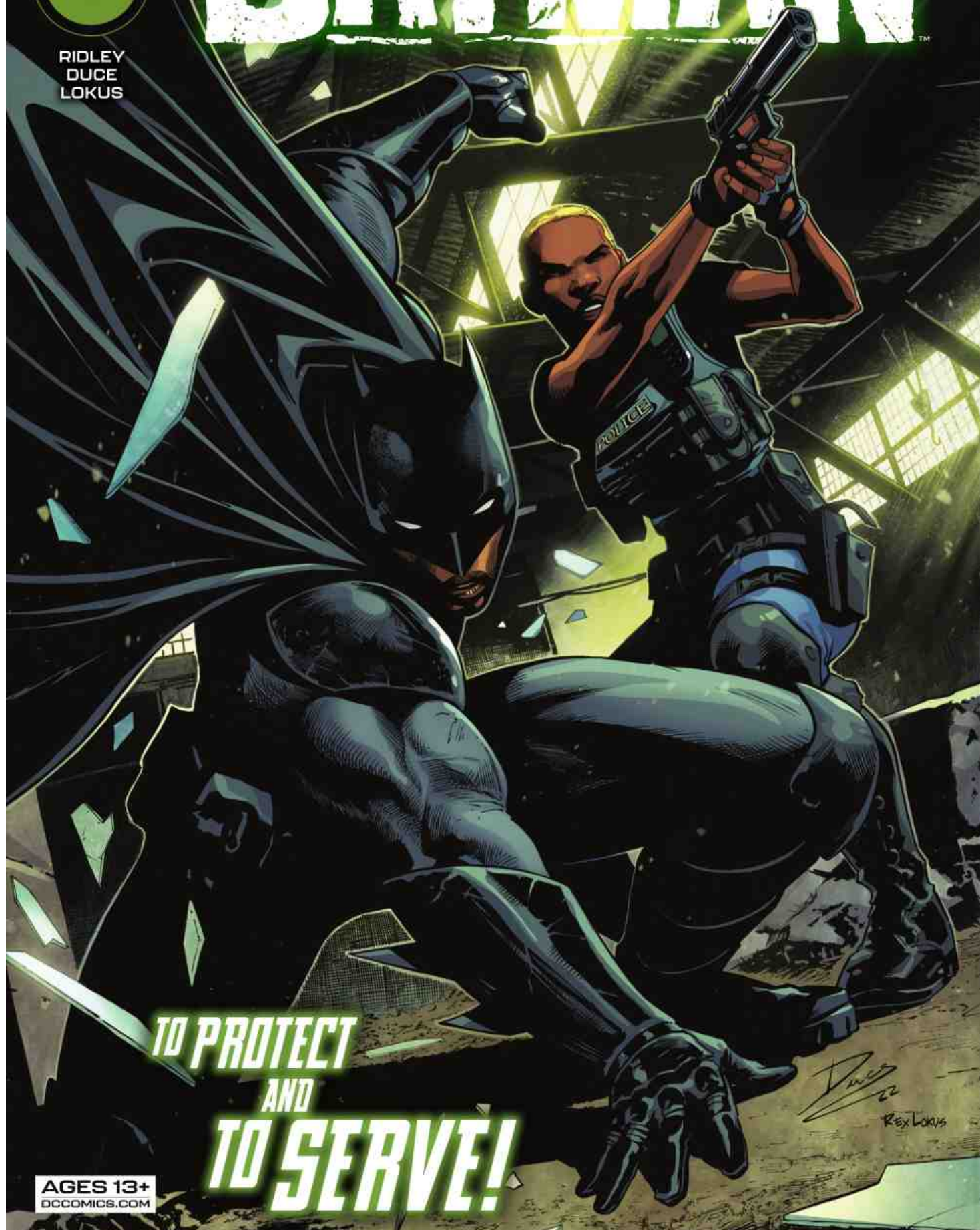


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"THERE ARE CONFLICTING
ACCOUNTS OF THE NIGHT
MANRAY WAS TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY BY BATMAN."

"DETECTIVE,
TELL ME IN
YOUR OWN
WORDS WHAT
HAPPENED."

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BATMAN**

**SHE GOT
NEXT!**

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BY THE TIME I ARRIVED, THE KILLER--**MANRAY**--HAD WOUNDED, OR MURDERED SEVERAL SECURITY OFFICERS IN HIS ATTEMPT TO **ASSASSINATE** MAYOR VILLANUEVA.



BY THE TIME I ARRIVED... DESPITE THE FACT THAT **MANRAY** TOOK OUT SEVERAL ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS, **BATMAN** WAS ABLE TO **SINGLE-HANDEDLY** APPREHEND HIM.



THAT **BATMAN**, OR WHOEVER THE HELL HE IS, WAS **USELESS**. HE COULDN'T STOP **MANRAY**. I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DRAW MY WEAPON.



DETECTIVE **KEENAN** WAS ABOUT TO DISCHARGE HIS GUN AT AN UNARMED PRISONER. I HAD **NO CHOICE** EXCEPT TO DRAW MY WEAPON.



"I HAD THE SHOT. I TOOK THE SHOT."

"AT **MANRAY**, OR AT **BATMAN**, DETECTIVE **KEENAN**?"

"WELL... THINGS WERE **HECTIC**..."



"IN THE MOMENT, I FELT JUSTIFIED IN TAKING THE SHOT."

"YOU FELT JUSTIFIED SHOOTING A FELLOW POLICE OFFICER, DETECTIVE **CHUBB**?"



...I...

ONE POLICE PLAZA.

CHUBB...!

LOOKED LIKE
YOU GOT YOUR
ASS KICKED
IN THERE.

GOT
NOTHING TO
SAY TO YOU,
KEENAN.

YOU DON'T
NEED TO RUN
YOUR MOUTH.
YOU JUST NEED
TO LISTEN.

YOU'RE
DONE.

PACK UP
YOUR ,
AND GO ON
BACK TO
GOTHAM.

MAYBE THE MAYOR'S
LOOKING FOR A NEW POLICE
COMMISSIONER, BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING
THE JOB, SO YOU DON'T GET TO GIVE ORDERS.

I'M NOT
GIVING
ORDERS.
I'M GIVING
ADVICE.

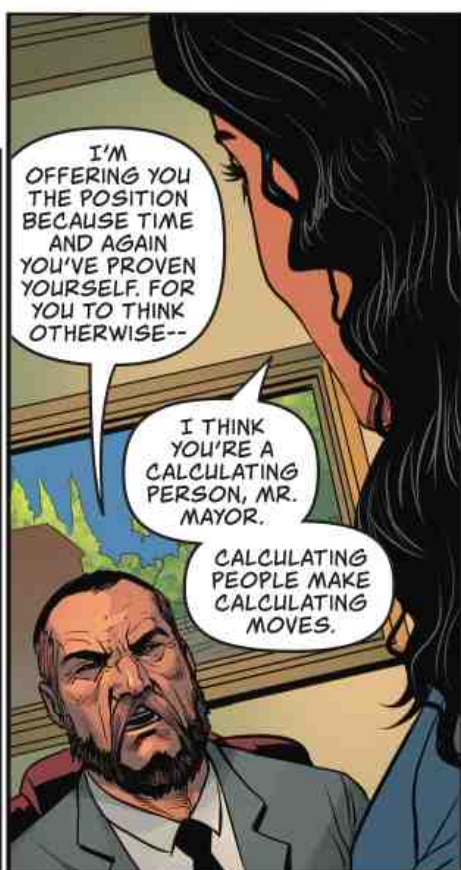
NEW YORK IS
A ROUGH CITY. A
COP OUT THERE
ALONE, NOBODY
TO WATCH HER
BACK...

JUST A
MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
SOME BAD
 HAPPENS...

YOU'RE A
TOUGH GUY IN
YOUR HEAD,
KEENAN.

THAT IS
A SMALL
PLACE TO
BE A BIG
MAN.

"I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND HOW
CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES ARE."





WHAT DO YOU THINK, CARMICHAEL?

I THINK RENEE MONTOKA DOES "INSCRUTABLE" LIKE NOBODY I KNOW.

I DON'T CARE WHAT SHE SAYS. SHE WANTS THE COMMISSIONER JOB.

SHE'S NOT A TEAM PLAYER. SHE'S GOT HER OWN AGENDA.



RENEE MONTOKA REBUILT THE GOTHAM PD.

SHE OUTMANEUVERED A WEAKENED MAYOR, AND GOT WHAT SHE WANTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

IF SHE WERE SMART SHE'D RUN FOR HIS OFFICE IN GOTHAM.



WHY JUST GOTHAM WHEN YOU CAN HAVE NEW YORK?

IF MONTOKA TAKES YOUR OFFER, NEXT ELECTION I GUARANTEE SHE'S RESIDING AT GRACIE MANSION, AND YOU'RE UP IN CHAPPAQUA WRITING A MEMOIR ABOUT HOW YOU LOST EVERYTHING.



AND WILL THAT BE A PROBLEM FOR ME, OR FOR YOU, CARMICHAEL?

I'M HERE TO ADVISE YOU, MR. MAYOR. AND AS MY POSITION IS APPOINTED...



...I'LL BE HERE LONG AFTER THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION STARTS MEASURING THE DRAPES.



...SO WILL I...

"THIS IS SUCH
☆☆☆☆."

LOWER MANHATTAN.

WHEN YOU SAY "THIS" IS ~~SHIT~~...WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU--

YOU SERIOUS?

WE GOT GOTHAM NONSENSE LIKE MANRAY SHOWING UP, HE KILLS OUR RACIST POLICE COMMISSIONER, I GO TO WAR WITH ANOTHER COP TRYING TO PROTECT MANRAY AND YOU...

...AND NOW MONTOKA, THE SAME PERSON WHO KICKED ME OUT OF THE GOTHAM PD, IS COMING TO TAKE OVER THE DEPARTMENT.

KNOW WHAT'S TRULY MESSED UP? THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO REALLY UNDERSTANDS WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH... IS YOU.

I'D KINDA HOPED WE'D HAVE FORMED AT LEAST A WORKING RELATIONSHIP BY NOW.

I'D KINDA HOPED YOU'D HAVE GONE THE HELL BACK TO GOTHAM BY NOW, BUT CLEARLY THAT AIN'T HAPPENIN'.

AND AMONG MANRAY, MONTOKA, AND THE MAYOR...BAD THINGS ARE COMING.

I ASKED IF YOU THOUGHT MAYOR VILLANUEVA WAS DIRTY. YOU SAID NO.

I DON'T THINK HE'S DIRTY. I THINK HE'S AMBITIOUS. AMBITIOUS PEOPLE ONLY SELF-SERVE.

TRUST ME, THAT MUCH I KNOW.

LOOK, LET'S PICK THIS UP LATER. I GOTTA GO.

GO WHERE?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, DETECTIVE, I HAVE A LIFE.

...LEAST ONE OF US DOES...

"I HAVE TO BE HONEST. I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS."

**FOX FAMILY CONDO.
BILLIONAIRES' ROW,
MANHATTAN.**

DON'T
BE NERVOUS,
TAM. IT'S
JUST FAMILY.
ME, MOM,
AND SIS.

I KNOW, BUT...
I FEEL LIKE IT'S
BEEN SO LONG
SINCE I'VE BEEN
MYSELF.

ALWAYS
BEEN
YOURSELF
WITH US.

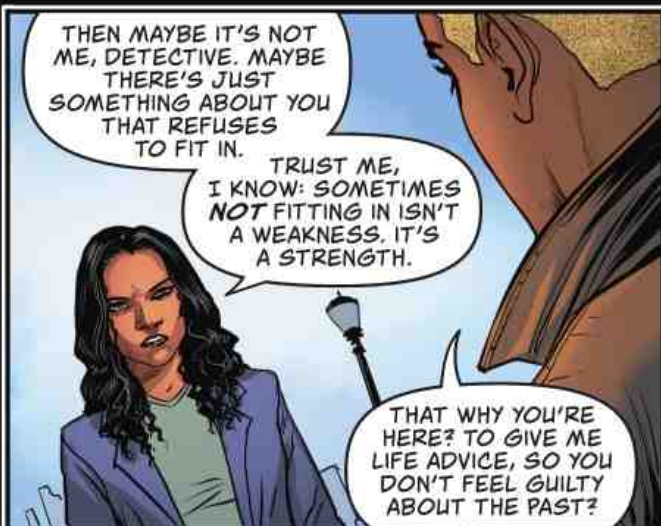
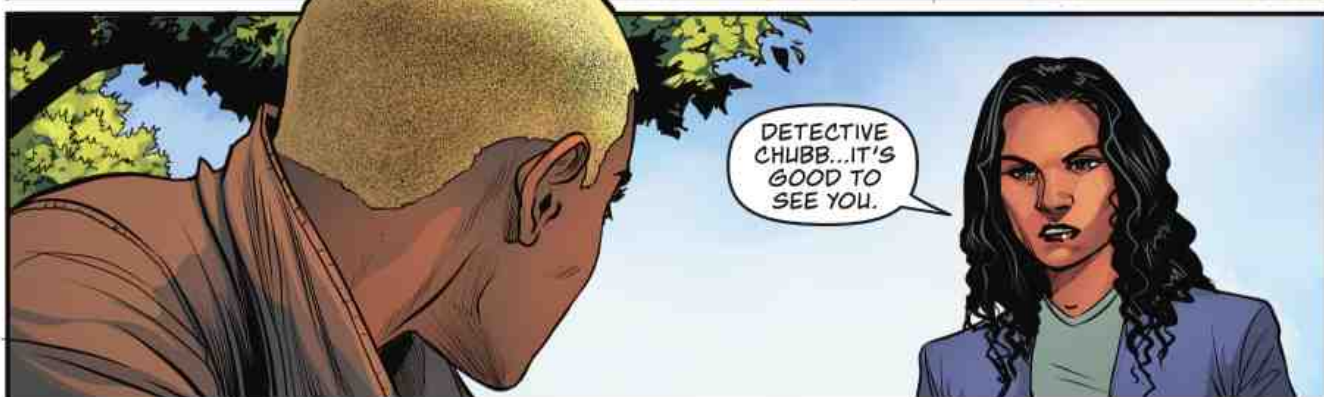
OKAY,
JUST...

...DON'T
JUDGE.

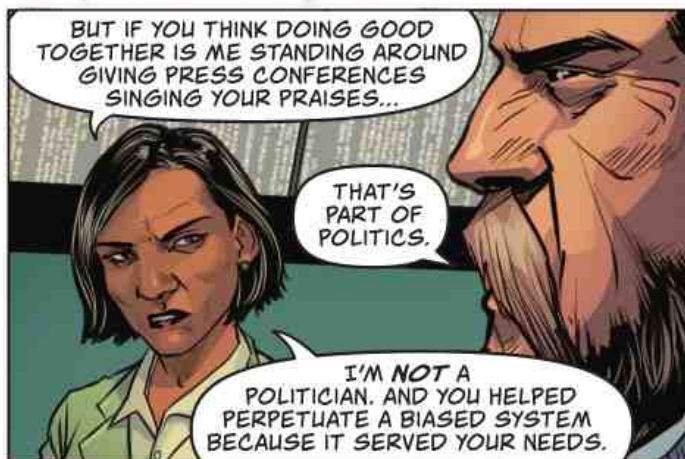


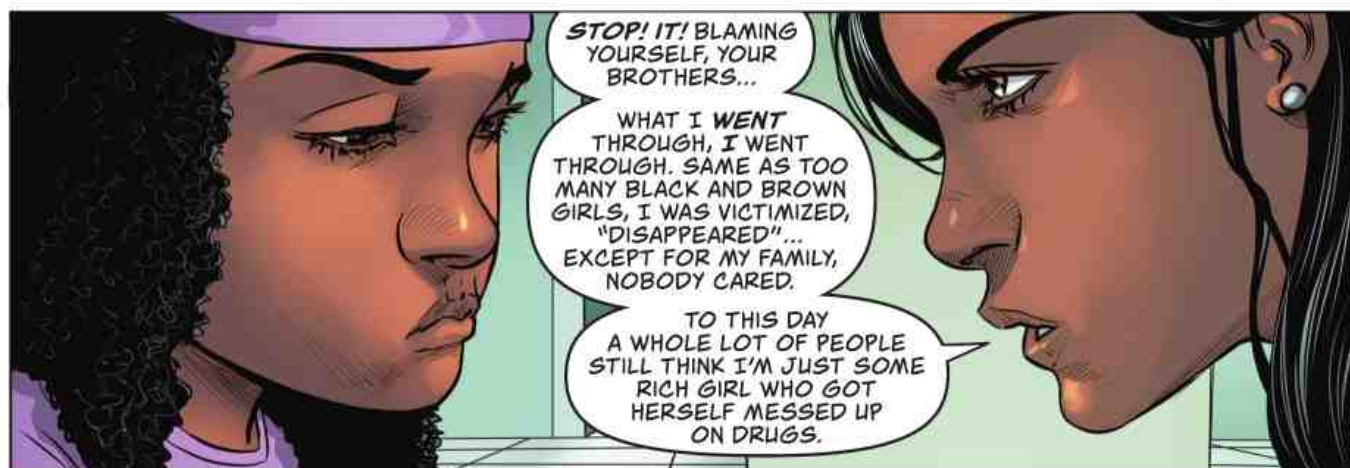
"AND WE ALL HAVE THINGS WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT."

BATTERY PARK.











I THINK
YOU'RE BEING
A LITTLE
FATAL.

I GET
DUMPED IN
NEW YORK, THEN
BATMAN CHASES
ME OUT HERE,
NOW MONTOYA...
I'M TELLING
YOU: ☹️☹️☹️
FOLLOWS.

WHERE'S
YOUR C.I.?



DUNNO. I'LL CALL HIM.
AND CHUBB, I KNOW
YOU THINK BAD THINGS
FOLLOW YOU, BUT...
REMEMBER, I
FOLLOWED YOU
OUT HERE.

YOU'RE THE
EXCEPTION TO
THE...



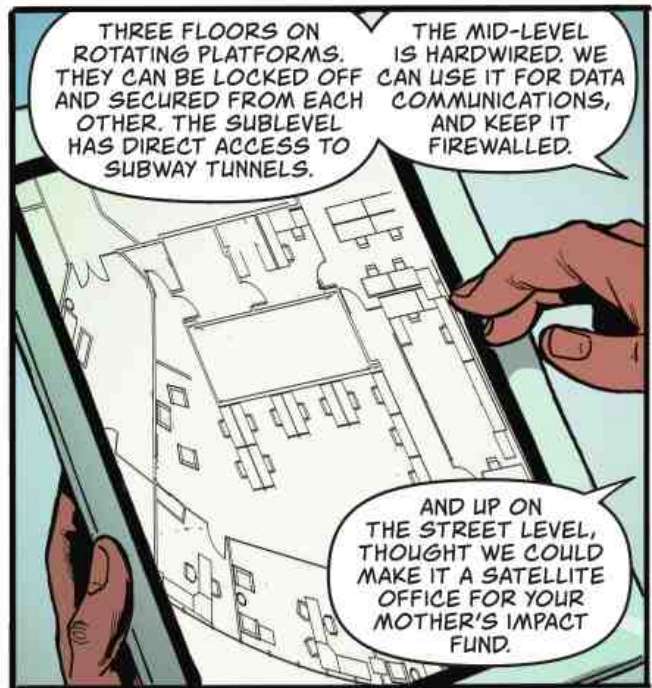
WHITAKER---



MOVE---











"TO TELL
SOMEBODY
HELLO."

KEENAN!



CHUBB, YOU
ALL RIGHT? HEARD
YOU HAD TROUBLE
WRITING A PARKING
TICKET, OR SOME
SH--



KRAK

TUUUUHHH...



YOU
☆☆☆☆!

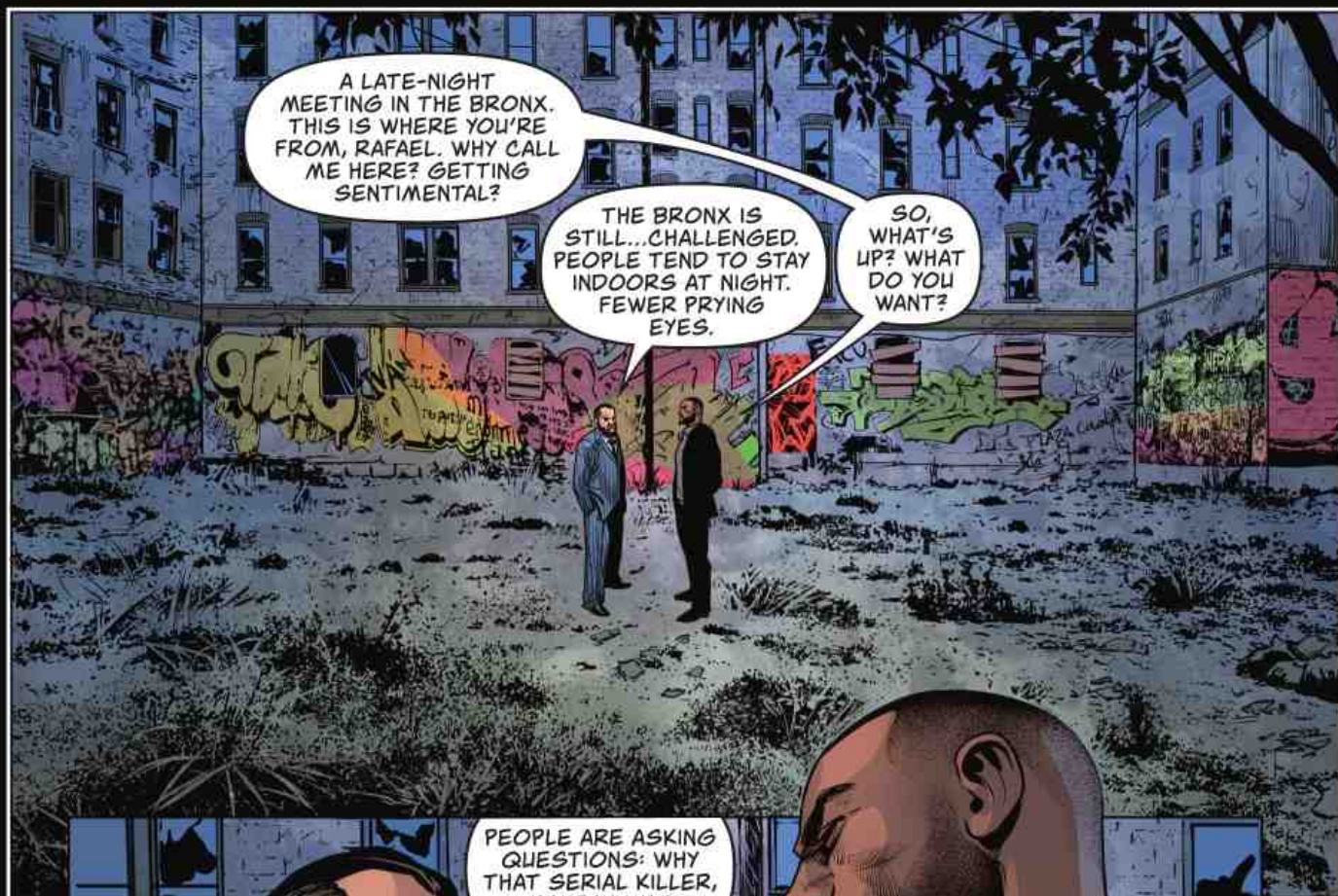
THE LAST
TIME I PULLED
MY GUN ON
YOU, IT WAS
JUSTIFIABLE.

NEXT TIME...
IT'S GOING TO
BE STRAIGHT-
UP MURDER.



KEEP CLEAR
OF ME. KEEP
CLEAR OF MY
PEOPLE.





A LATE-NIGHT MEETING IN THE BRONX. THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE FROM, RAFAEL. WHY CALL ME HERE? GETTING SENTIMENTAL?

THE BRONX IS STILL...CHALLENGED. PEOPLE TEND TO STAY INDOORS AT NIGHT. FEWER PRYING EYES.

SO, WHAT'S UP? WHAT DO YOU WANT?



PEOPLE ARE ASKING QUESTIONS: WHY THAT SERIAL KILLER, MANRAY, WAS TARGETING ME.

NOT SURE HOW THAT'S MY CONCERN.

IS MANRAY YOUR ASSASSIN? IS THE HOTLIST REAL? AM I ON IT?



YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED IN LIFE, AND NOT ONE TIME HAVE I EVER ASKED ANYTHING OF YOU. SO WHAT IS IT THAT DRIVES YOU TO CALL ME? FEAR...



...OR GUILT?

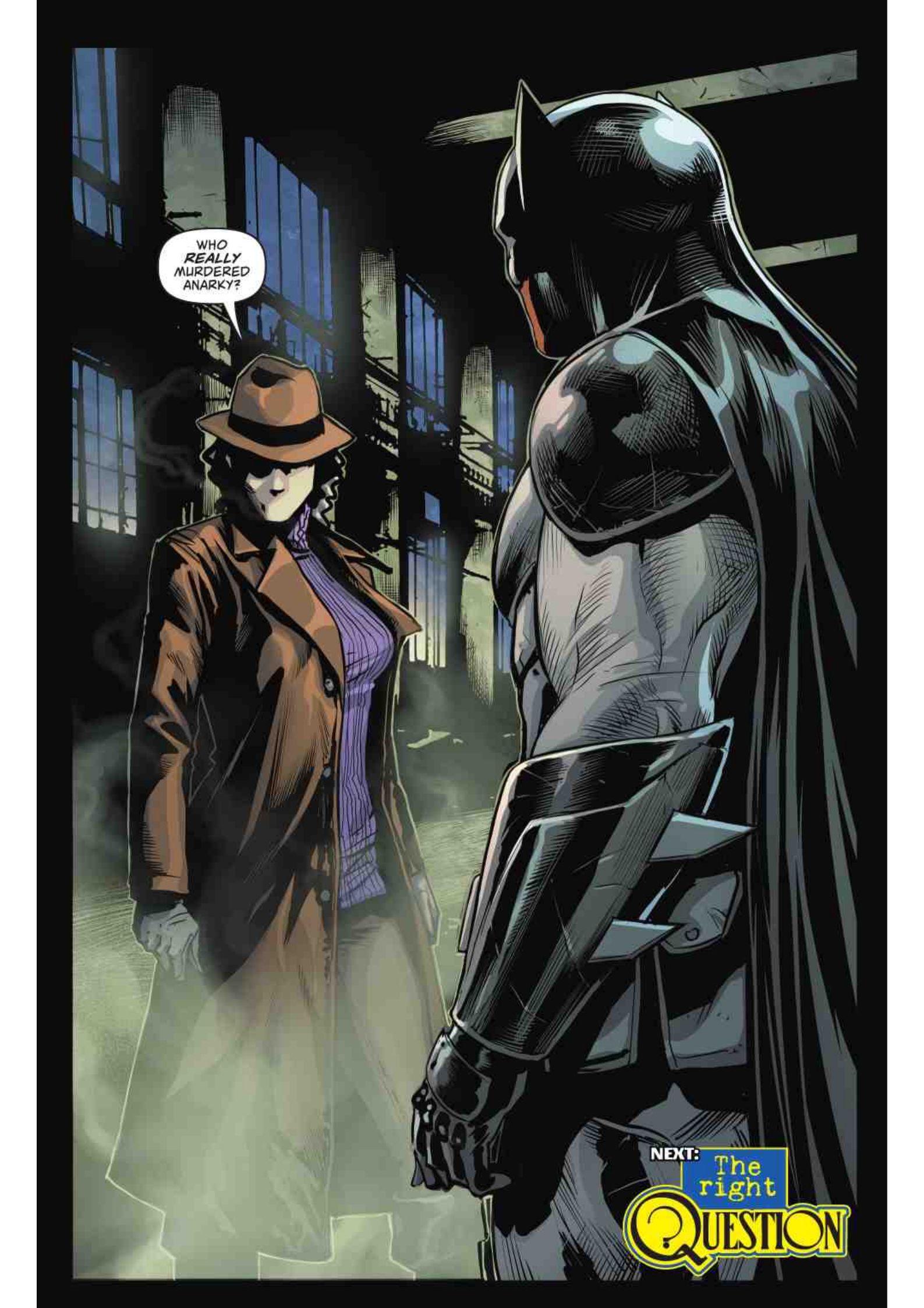
IS THERE A LIST? AM I ON IT?



DON'T EVER CALL ME AGAIN. TRUST ME, MAYOR OR NOT...

...YOU DON'T WANT MR. DREADFUL COMING AROUND.





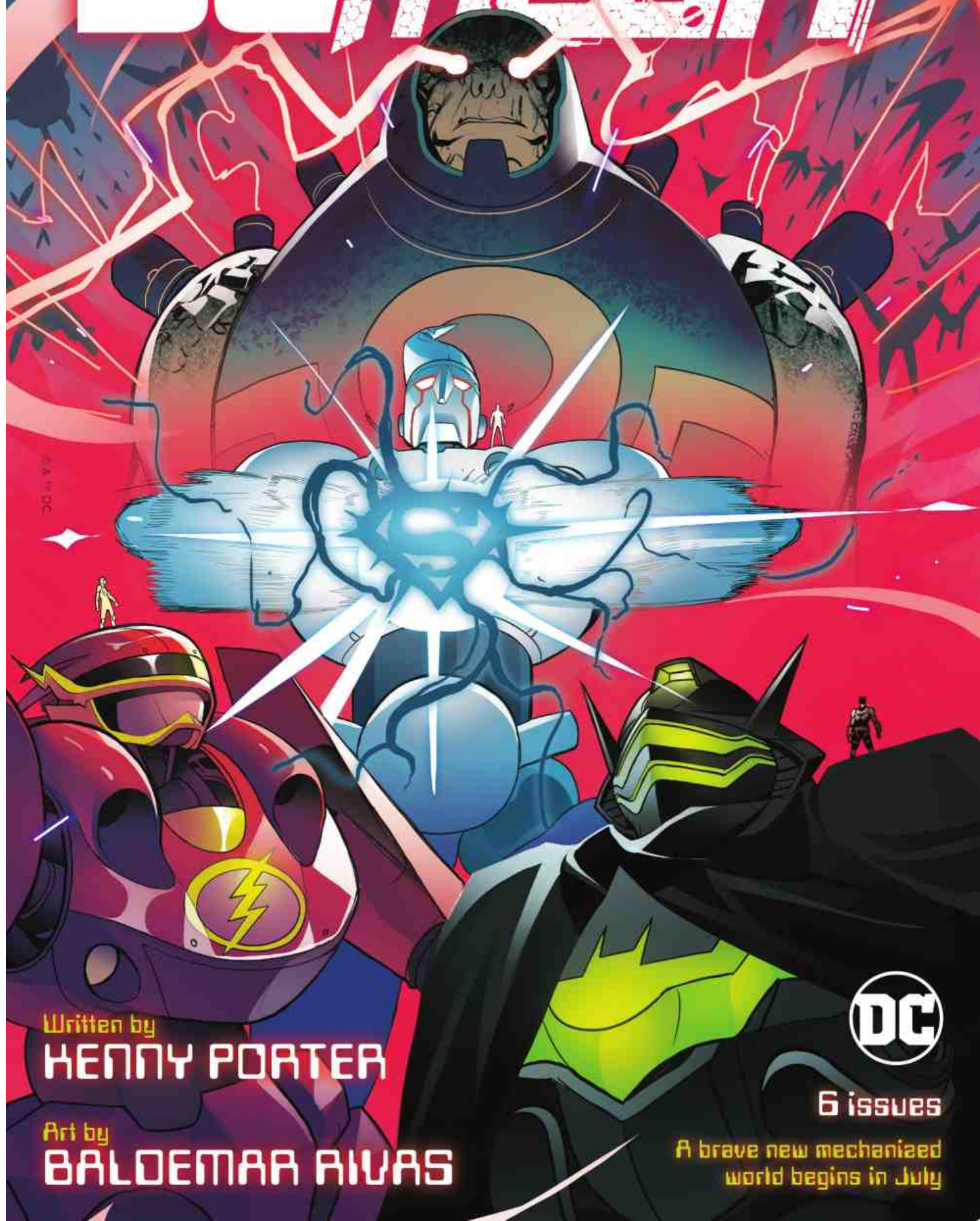
WHO
REALLY
MURDERED
ANARKY?

NEXT: The
right

QUESTION

JUSTICE GETS AN UPGRADE

DC *MECH*



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6 issues

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world begins in July*

JARED STERN THE DIRECTOR OF

DC LEAGUE OF SUPERPETS



Why did you want to make DC League of Super-Pets?

My wife volunteers at a pet shelter, and I noticed a back room with some older pets. I felt bad for them even though they were being taken care of. I felt like they should have a home. Then I thought, "What if they got superpowers?" I'd been working at Warner Bros. and knew all about the DC comics, and thought maybe there's a way to combine these into one thing.

What is Superman and Krypto's relationship like?

Superman and Krypto sort of have the life of an everyperson and their pet. Krypto wakes him up early in the morning and wants to go for a walk. They just happen to have superpowers. Their walk means they're flying through the streets of Metropolis. When they play fetch, Superman might throw the ball to another planet for Krypto to bring back. They also sneak in some foiling of bad guys at the same time.

What inspired the art style of the film?

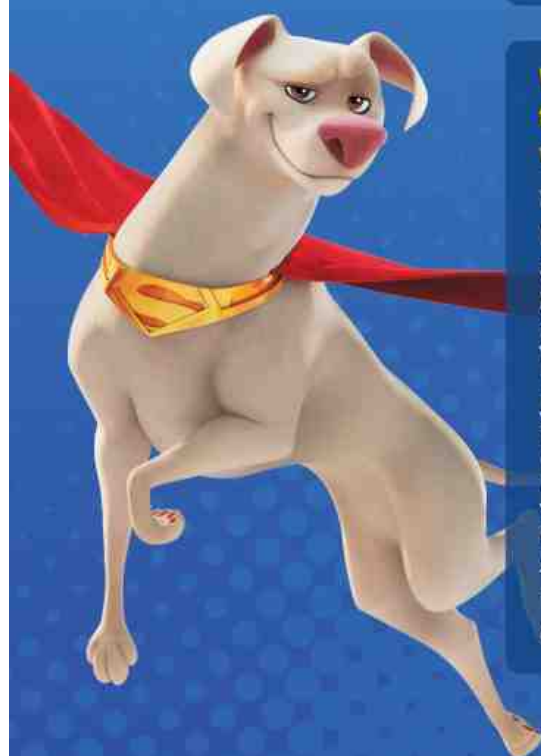
There's this golden age of DC in the 1930s that has this deco style that really worked despite the film being contemporary. It was also inspired by the covers of the *Saturday Evening Post* where you could see the brushstrokes in the art.

What was the design process like for such recognizable characters?

It's tough because you've already seen the Justice League in live action, comic books, and hand-drawn animation. We picked and chose from little things. There's a bit of the old Fleischer in Superman and some of Christopher Reeve from *Superman: The Movie* in his face. Even Cyborg is inspired by his 1980s costume when he was first introduced.

What was it like having these amazing actors voicing the Justice League?

When it was suggested that Keanu Reeves would be an amazing Batman we were like, "Yes! Absolutely." He wants to do a great job and that's what he did. When we heard John Krasinski's voice, it was just like, "That's Superman." Daveed Diggs, who I'm a huge fan of, plays Cyborg, and Dascha Polanco is our Jessica Cruz Green Lantern. Then we have John Early as the Flash and Jameela Jamil as Wonder Woman. Finally, we have Jemaine Clement as Aquaman. I mean...come on.



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